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REMARKS

Claims 17-35 have been cancelled as being drawn to a non-elected group. In the Restriction Requirement, the Examiner the Examiner divided the claims into 5 groups as follows:

Group I consisting of Claims 1-15, drawn to methods of producing mesodermal cells.

Group II consisting of Claim 16, drawn to the mesodermal cells produced by the method.

Group III consisting of Claims 17-24, drawn to a method for monitoring the proliferation of mesodermal cells.

Group IV consisting of Claims 25-34, drawn to a method for tissue repair.

Group V consisting of Claim 35, drawn to a composition comprising a modulator and a carrier.

In response to this restriction, Applicants elect to prosecute the Group I claims (Claims 1-15, drawn to methods of producing mesodermal cells). This election is made without traverse.

Conclusion

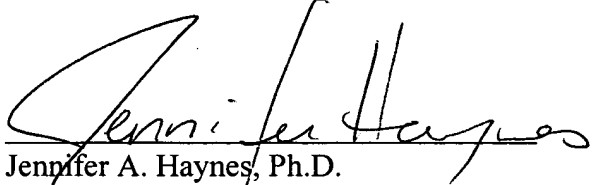
Should there be any questions with respect to the above-identified restriction requirement, Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to contact the undersigned at the telephone number below.

Please charge any additional fees, including any fees for additional extension of time, or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 11-1410.

Respectfully submitted,

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